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Challe Denies CIA Spurred Him to Rebel

PARIS, May 6 (UPI)—Cashiered General Maurice Challe said today he received no foreign help of any kind as a leader of the Algiers military revolt last month, a reliable source reported.

The source said Challe volunteered the statement in a closed press interview today, apparently to deny reports that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had encouraged the ill-fated uprising.

Rumors of CIA involvement in the abortive four-day coup, mentioned editorially in the Paris newspaper Le Monde, were denied by the U.S. Embassy. The French Government said it had no evidence of any such activity.

General Andre-Marie Zeller, another of the four retired generals who led the revolt, surrendered today in Algiers, where he had hidden. He was flown to Paris and placed in Sante Prison with Challe to face trial — and possible death — later this month.

Two other insurgent generals — Raoul Salan and Edmond Jouhaud — are still at large.